

Your Flying Start Roadmap Aug - Dec 2026



Your Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) Local Team is here to support you as you prepare to deliver Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool at your service from January 2027. A summary of the key activities we will be working on together is outlined below.

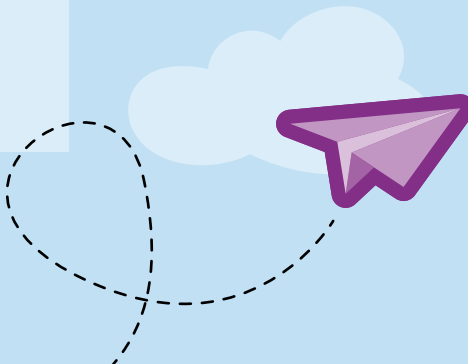
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August

- Read the Policy and Funding Guide released for 2027 delivery.
- Continue sharing information with current and prospective families about Flying Start preschool.
- Work with your OECD Local Team to hold educator sessions to prepare staff to deliver Flying Start preschool, including how to access available resources.
- Begin to host family information sessions in partnership with your OECD Local Team representative.
- Start applying the Priority of Access policy for 3-year-old preschool enrolments and offers.
- Start to develop your Flying Start Partnership Plan (Enhancing Quality, Ready Set Preschool and Preschool Boost) with support from your OECD Local Team through monthly readiness support visits and check-ins. Plans may be submitted for approval once completed.
- Note that selected services will be advised if they have been matched with a Preschool Plus referral.
- Become familiar with the Professional Network in your area and consider attending Term 3 and Term 4 meetings.
- Attend Flying Start Preschool Partner webinars to hear more about preparing to deliver Flying Start preschool.

September

- Continue sharing information with current and prospective families about Flying Start preschool.
- Continue to host family information sessions in partnership with your OECD Local Team representative.
- Continue developing your Flying Start Partnership Plan with support from your OECD Local Team through monthly readiness support visits and check-ins. Plans may be submitted for approval as soon as they are completed.
- Explore professional development opportunities through the Preschool Toolkit and register to attend relevant sessions.
- Encourage Early Childhood Teacher attendance at Professional Network meetings.
- Finalists for the Flying Start Early Childhood Awards will be announced on Early Childhood Educators' Day, Wednesday 2 September 2026.
- Attend Flying Start Preschool Partner webinars to hear more about preparing to deliver Flying Start preschool.



October

- Continue sharing information with current and prospective families about Flying Start preschool.
- Finalise your Flying Start Partnership Plan with support from your OECD Local Team through monthly readiness support visits and check-ins. All plans must be submitted by Sunday 1 November 2026.
- Register to attend Leaders Forum 4 – save the date Tuesday 10 November 2026.
- Winners of the Flying Start Early Childhood Awards will be announced at a special Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 14 October 2026.
- Attend Flying Start Preschool Partner webinars to hear more about preparing to deliver Flying Start preschool.

November

- Continue sharing information with current and prospective families about Flying Start preschool.
- Receive your approved Flying Start Partnership Plan and participate in a readiness support check-in with your OECD Local Team as you prepare to commence Flying Start preschool in 2027.

December

- Continue sharing information with current and prospective families about Flying Start preschool.
- Begin to book in and/or confirm suppliers identified in your Flying Start Partnership Plan.
- Utilise the promotional materials on the Partner page to support the commencement of Flying Start preschool in 2027 and help inform prospective families.
- Participate in a final readiness support check-in with your OECD Local Team as you prepare to commence Flying Start preschool in 2027.
- Take time to celebrate your progress and prepare for an exciting start to 2027.

You will receive regular updates and correspondence from the OECD through our fortnightly e-bulletin, and you can find relevant key information and resources on the Flying Start Partner Portal.

Partner Portal:

www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au/partner-page

Password:

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Further information

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